

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 7 and 11.

Please replace claims 8 through 10 with the following:

8. (amended) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising:

a plurality of stacked layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers;

and,

a plurality of unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing pins, each comprising a bundle of rods, disposed into the article at an angle to the stack of layers;

the second reinforcing pins being disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,

a substantially solid matrix disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the second reinforcing members.

9. (amended) The article of claim 8 in which the first reinforcing fibers and the second reinforcing pins comprise at least one material selected from the group consisting of carbon, graphite, glass, and metal.

10. (amended) The article of claim 9 in the form of a turbine engine article comprising:

an airfoil including the stack of layers and the spaced apart second reinforcing pins;

the first reinforcing fibers in a layer being substantially aligned with one another.